

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 15-18 and 20-21, all as shown below.

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-based extendable application framework embodied on one or more computer-readable storage media, comprising:
 - a user interface;
 - a plurality of services, wherein a service includes a public interface that has an implementation and provides access to functionality in an extension;
 - a plurality of extensions to extend an application;
 - wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions;
 - wherein one of the plurality of extensions exposes and consumes services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions;
 - wherein one of the plurality of extensions provides functionality accessible in the user interface; and
 - wherein one of the plurality of services provides access to functionality in one of the plurality of extensions.
2. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - one of the plurality of extensions utilizes one of the plurality of services.
3. (Original) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
4. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - an extension includes an XML (Extensible Markup Language) description and at least one of: 1) a set of classes; and 2) a set of resources.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
 - an extension defines handlers.

7. (Previously Presented) The framework of claim 1 wherein:
an extension provides functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.
8. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method for configuring an application, comprising the steps of:
providing a user interface to allow user interaction with the application;
providing a plurality of extensions to extend the application, wherein the providing permits one of the plurality of extensions to provide functionality accessible in the user interface;
and
providing a plurality of services wherein the providing permits one of the plurality of services to provide access to functionality in one of the plurality of extensions;
wherein a service includes a public interface that has an implementation and provides access to functionality in an extension;
wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions; and
wherein one of the plurality of extensions exposes and consumes services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
one of the plurality of extensions utilizes one of the plurality of services.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension includes an XML (Extensible Markup Language) description and at least one of: 1) a set of classes; and 2) a set of resources.
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension defines handlers.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein:
an extension provides functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.
15. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:
provide a user interface to allow user interaction with an application;
provide a plurality of extensions to extend the application, wherein the providing permits one of the plurality of extensions to provide functionality accessible in the user interface; and
provide a plurality of services wherein the providing permits one of the plurality of services to provide access to functionality in one of the plurality of extensions;
wherein a service includes a public interface that has an implementation and provides access to functionality in an extension;
wherein each one of the plurality of services is associated with an extension in the plurality of extensions; and
wherein one of the plurality of extensions exposes and consumes services associated with another extension in the plurality of extensions.
16. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
one of the plurality of extensions utilizes one of the plurality of services.
17. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension is an interchangeable application building block.
18. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:
an extension includes an XML (Extensible Markup Language) description and at least one of: 1) a set of classes; and 2) a set of resources.
19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:

an extension defines handlers.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~machine~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein:

an extension provides functionality to support at least one of: 1) a document type; 2) a user interface action; 3) a file encoding; 4) property settings; and 5) debugging information.

22-28. (Cancelled).